

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on February 12, 2015, at the New Providence High School/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, by the Board President, Mr. Hasenkopf.

Present on roll call were Bernadette Cuccaro, Robert Dinerman, David Hasenkopf, Ira Krauss, Mary Misiukiewicz, and Adam Smith. Also present were Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Deborah Feinberg, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Sandra Searing, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Supervision. No members of the public were present.

Mr. Hasenkopf led in the salute to the flag.

Mr. Hasenkopf read the following statement:

This is a public meeting of the Board of Education of the Borough of New Providence. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with PL 1975, Chapter 231 of the Act, in that an annual notice was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

Whenever the business of the Board requires it to convene to Closed Session, the session will begin no later than 10:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the need for Closed Session, the Board will reconvene to the public portion of the meeting. At that time the Board will complete any other business that may be before it and the public will then be given an opportunity to be heard before the meeting is adjourned.

Discussion Items

2015/2016 Proposed Budget Update

Mr. Smith commented that the finance committee had their second meeting last week and he noted that the proposed budget is in pretty good shape. There will be no need for a public vote.

Mr. Smith commented that there are five new hires in the budget primarily related to Special Education positions. The committee is still discussing a possible STEM position.

Mr. Smith noted that the committee is moving forward and is in the similar spot as the prior year in terms of overall increases. He commented that the committee is projecting that the Borough's tax rateables will be flat and overall the budget is in good shape.

Mr. Smith commented on employee contributions to health/dental premiums. The employees will be at the maximum contribution rates in 2015/2016 and it will be more difficult to deal with the 2% cap without the increase in contributions moving forward. The committee is closely looking at health care costs and will be discussing during the negotiations process that will begin soon.

Mr. Testa commented that the state aid figures will be released on February 24th and will speak about the budget and state aid allocations at the February 26th board meeting.

Mr. Hasenkopf asked if the health/dental budget numbers are estimates or actual.

Mr. Testa commented that the health/dental figures are estimates.

Dr. Miceli commented on the online Latin course.

Mr. Hasenkopf commented that the online course is the second online course, after the Financial Literacy course, and is glad to see another online course being offered.

February 26, 2015 Agenda Review

The Board reviewed the February 26, 2015 Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Hasenkopf opened the meeting to the public at 7:40 p.m. for comments.

There being no one from the public wishing to be heard, Mr. Hasenkopf declared this public portion of the meeting closed at 7:41 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Krauss moved to adopt the following resolution:

This body shall on February 12, 2015 at 7:42 p.m. in the New Providence High/Middle School Media Center, 35 Pioneer Drive, discuss in closed session, pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, specific matters which may generally be described as follows:

- Student matters related to HIB
- Sale of Property
- Personnel

The minutes of the discussion in closed session of the aforementioned matters may be disclosed to the public after final determination of action has been reached.

Mrs. Cuccaro seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

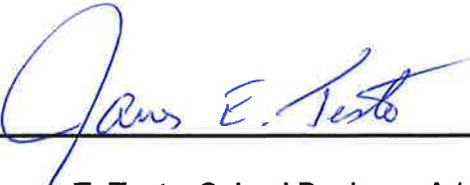
Return to Public Session

The Board reconvened to public session at 9:06 p.m. Mr. Hasenkopf called the Board to order.

Members present were Mrs. Cuccaro, Mr. Dinerman, Mr. Hasenkopf, Mr. Krauss, Mrs. Misiukiewicz and Mr. Smith.

Adjournment

There being no other business before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Krauss, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried unanimously, Mr. Hasenkopf declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



James E. Testa, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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